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On the state of the Public Health and Sanitary Condition of the

WESTBURY URBAN DISTRICT

for the Year

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WESTBURY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

Medical Officer of Health
of Westbury Urban District
Council.

Health Department,

Craven House,

Warminster,

Wilts.

Mrs P.F. Cundick, J.P.
Chairman, Westbury Urban District Council.

Madam,

I beg to present the Annual Report for the year 1968 relating to the state of the Public Health and Sanitary condition of the Westbury Urban District. The Vital Statistics show the health of the community to compare favourably with that for England and Wales.

I wish to express my gratitude to my colleagues, the Westbury family doctors, the Director of the Public Health Laboratory in Bath and the staff of the Urban District Council for their co-operation in the work of the Public Health Department. The Public Health Committee have encouraged me in my work and I am grateful for the keen interest and assistance they have extended to me.

I have the honour to be, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

WESTBURY URBAN DISTRICT.

	<u>To May, 1968.</u>	<u>From May, 1968.</u>
Chairman of the Council:	L.S.Ingram	L.S.Ingram
Vice-Chairman:	R.C.Grenfell	Mrs P.F.Cundick, J.P.
Chairman of the Public Health Committee:	Mrs P.F.Cundick, J.P. N.A.Giles	
Members of the Public Health Committee:	Chairman of the Council) Vice-Chairman of the Council) ex officio	
	E.J.Argent	R.H.Candy
	R.H.Candy	R.E.Chappell
	Mrs P.F.Cundick J.P.	N.A.Giles
	B.G.Gray	Mrs E.M.Ingram
	N.A.Giles	M.W.Jones
	Mrs E.M.Ingram	Mrs D.C.Large
	W.F.Vivash, J.P.	W.F.Vivash, J.P.

Representatives of the Council on other Bodies:

West Wilts Water Board: H.W.Earle.
Deputy: M.W.Jones.

Wiltshire Urban District Councils Association:

R.H.Candy. Mrs E.M.Ingram. L.R.Webb.

South Western Development Association:

W.G.Taylor.

Westbury Road Safety Committee:

B.J.Gray. Mrs D.C.Large. R.E.Chappell.

National Playing Fields Association (Westbury Branch):

N.A.Giles

Public Health Officers of the Authority:

Medical Officer of Health:

Joseph Reynolds, M.C., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.R.C.S., Edin.,
L.R.F.P. & S.Glas., D.P.H. (Eng.)

Office:

Craven House,
Warminster.

Telephone:
Warminster 3428/9.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

C.R.Driver, M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

J.E.Sisson, M.A.P.H.I.

)
) Council Offices,
) Westbury.

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) Telephones:
) Westbury 2231.

Clerks (Warminster Office):

Miss K.V.Jones
Mrs P.J.McAllister
Miss M.P.Street
Miss P.A.Copp.

The Medical Officer of Health also holds the appointments of Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District Council of Warminster and Rural District of Warminster and Westbury. He is also Assistant Medical Officer and School Medical Officer of Health for the Wiltshire County Council.

The Chief Public Health Inspector is also Surveyor to the Council. The Additional Public Health Inspector also spends much time on Surveyor's work.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(Figures in Brackets refer to 1967.)

Area of the District (in acres).	3,686	
Population - Registrar General's estimate as at 30th June, 1968.	5,940	(5,740)
Density of Population - Persons per acre.	1.6	(1.5)
Number of Inhabited houses and flats as at 31st March, 1968.	2,060	(1,945)
Number of Council Houses at 31st March, 1968.	625	(524)
Number of Applications for Council Houses outstanding at 31st March, 1969.	20	(94)
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1969.	£339,782.	(£331,035)
Product of a Penny Rate	£861.5.0.	(£861)
Local Authority Debt per head of population	£217.	(£164.19. 5.)
Loan Debt per £ of Rateable Value - Westbury.	£3. 15. 3.	(£2. 16. 4.)

The town is pleasantly situated on the escarpment of Salisbury Plain and with the recent development of the centre its character is slowly beginning to change. The provision of a new shopping centre and adjacent and adequate car parking facilities is drawing visitors from a much wider area. The provision of modern public lavatories, for the use of which no charge is made, is also an incentive for motorists to visit the town and at the same time this preserves the amenities of the surrounding rural district. The site is healthy since the escarpment at this position changes direction from north to north-east, and the prevailing wind from the south-west removes any suggestion of atmospheric pollution. The chief landmark, the White Horse, commemorating the Battle of Ethandune is a familiar sight to railway travellers passing through the important junction where the main lines from Paddington to the West Country and Southampton to Bristol intersect.

The chief industries comprise:-

- British Railways (Western Region) with its extensive junction and locomotive sheds for the maintenance of diesel rolling stock.
- Several Glove Manufacturers.
- Cloth Manufacture.
- Food Processing.
- Cement Manufacture.
- Building Contractors.
- Concrete Manufacturing Company Limited.
- Umbrella Factory.
- Agricultural Engineers.
- Coach Builders.
- Civil Engineering Contractors.
- Manufacture of Synchronized Clocks.
- Engraving.

COMPARABILITY OF RATES.

The figures for deaths include those of members of the Armed Forces who were stationed in the area. The population figures given relate to the home populations (i.e. also including members of the Armed Forces stationed in the area). The area comparability factors for use with crude birth and death rates contain adjustments for boundary changes and make allowances for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole. In addition, the death area comparability factors have been adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area. When local crude birth and death rates are multiplied by the appropriate area comparability factor they are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales or with the corresponding adjusted rate for any other area for that year.

a) <u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	
TOTAL	52	54	
Legitimate	51	54	
Illegitimate	1	0	
<u>Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population of the Urban District</u>		17.8	
<u>Live Birth Rate of the Urban District after correction by Area Comparability Factor (1.14) which permits comparison with National statistics below</u>		20.0	
<u>Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire</u>		17.5	
<u>Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population of England and Wales</u>		16.9	
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate.		1.20	
b) <u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
TOTAL	0	0	
c) <u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of Deaths as enumerated by Registrar General	36	34	70
<u>Death Rate per 1,000 population of the Urban District</u>		11.8	
<u>Death Rate after correction by Area Comparability Factor (1.01) which permits comparison with National Statistics below</u>		11.9	
<u>Death Rate per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire</u>		10.9	
<u>Death Rate per 1,000 population of England and Wales</u>		11.9	
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate		1.00	
d) <u>Deaths of Infants under one year of age.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
TOTAL	1	1	
Legitimate	1	1	
e) <u>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.</u>			
TOTAL	1	1	
Legitimate	1	1	
f) <u>Deaths of Infants under one week of age.</u>			
TOTAL	0	0	

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS									
		All Ages	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over.			
According to the International Classification of Diseases.														
<u>Group VIII Diseases of the Respiratory System</u>														
B52 Pneumonia	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1			
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3			
B53(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-			
B53(2) Asthma	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
<u>Group IX Diseases of the Digestive System</u>														
B54 Peptic Ulcer	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-			
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
B46(7) Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
<u>Group X Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System</u>														
B59 Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
B16(8) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
<u>Group XI Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium</u>														
D13 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.,	M	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
<u>Group XVII Accidents, Poisonings, and Violence</u>														
B47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
B48 All Other Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
TOTAL ALL CAUSES		36	1	-	1	-	1	4	5	10	14			
		34	1	-	-	1	1	1	2	9	20			

TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

(Local Rates after correction by Area Factors).

Year	Population	Births	Rate per 1,000 population Westbury	Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population Westbury	Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales	Deaths of Infants under one year of age.
1959	5,450	107	20.4	16.5	65	12.0	11.6	5
1960	5,420	94	18.0	17.1	67	12.4	11.5	3
1961	5,420	100	19.2	17.4	48	8.9	12.0	3
1962	5,440	98	18.7	18.0	59	11.0	11.9	1
1963	5,490	105	21.8	18.2	85	15.6	12.2	6
1964	5,510	96	19.9	18.4	64	11.7	11.5	2
1965	5,600	97	19.8	18.1	64	11.3	11.5	2
1966	5,670	115	25.1	17.7	59	10.5	11.7	2
1967	5,740	114	22.7	17.2	65	11.4	11.2	4
1968	5,940	106	20.0	16.9	70	11.9	11.9	2

SECTION E.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

a) Laboratory Facilities.

All samples requiring laboratory examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory in Bath. Not only are reports on these samples available from the Medical Director but he is always willing to visit the District, and the Medical Practitioners and myself find this personal contact most satisfactory.

b) Ambulance Service.

The Ambulance service is provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council. The service in this district is controlled from the new station at Trowbridge (Telephone No. Trowbridge 3981/2) where the station is manned continuously. A sub-station in Warminster also serves the district. Non-emergency calls must originate from a doctor, dentist or midwife.

To obtain an ambulance in an emergency:-

where there is a dialling system in operation, dial 999

where there is no dialling system, lift the receiver and ask for an ambulance.

c) Midwifery, Home Nursing, Health Visitors and Home Helps.

These services are provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Telephone: Trowbridge 3641.

d) Clinics and Treatment Centres.

The following Clinics serve the district:

1. Ante Natal:

At the Maternity Hospitals concerned.

Consultant Clinics are at Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon for patients referred by their own doctor or midwife.

Westbury Hospital - Thursday afternoons commencing at 2 p.m.

Health Clinic - Tuesday and Thursday afternoons commencing at 2 p.m. for Bradford-on-Avon Maternity Hospital patients only.

2. Infant Welfare:

Secondary Modern School, Leigh Road, Westbury at 2 - 4 p.m. every Thursday.

Dilton Services Social Club, Dilton Marsh at 2.30 p.m. on second and fourth Fridays of each month.

3. Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, and Poliomyelitis Immunizations:

The Westbury Clinic is held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m. at the Secondary Modern School, Leigh Road, Westbury.

The family doctors will also carry out these immunizations by appointment. In addition they will vaccinate any infant against smallpox preferably in the second year of life.

4. Venereal Disease:

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
General Infirmary, Salisbury.	Friday - 5 - 6 p.m.	Friday - 3 - 4 p.m.
Royal United Hospital, Bath	Friday - 5 - 6.30 p.m. Saturday - 5 - 6.30 p.m.	Tuesday - 5 - 6.30 p.m. Friday - 2.30 - 4.00 p.m.
St.Martin's Hospital, Bath.	Tuesday - 2 p.m.	Tuesday - 2 p.m.

e) Hospitals.

The four hospitals noted below serve the district and are controlled by the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee:

	<u>Beds.</u>	<u>Classifications.</u>	<u>Type of case dealt with.</u>
Warminster Hospital	30	General.)	Acute medical and surgical cases. Gynaecological cases. Chronic sick patients for short periods only.
Westbury and District Hospital	20	do.)	
Sambourne Hospital.	102	Mainly chronic sick.	
			Aged chronic sick. Accommodation reserved to the County Council for 26 Welfare residents.
Beckford Hospital, Warminster.	32	Pre-convalescent and recovery unit plus orthopaedic cases.	

Many residents also attend and receive treatment at Hospitals in Bath and Salisbury.

Maternity cases are admitted to Hospitals at Bradford-on-Avon, Trowbridge and Salisbury.

Cases of infectious diseases are admitted to the Isolation Hospital at Bath. The majority of cases of Tuberculosis are admitted to Winsley Chest Hospital, The Manor Hospital, Bath and Odstock Hospital, Salisbury.

f) Mortuary.

An annual payment is made to the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee for mortuary facilities at the Sambourne Hospital, Warminster. The visiting pathologist has expressed his satisfaction with the facilities provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ministry of Labour and National Service.

Weymouth Street,
Warminster.

Telephone: Warminster 2351.

Hours: 9 - 5 p.m.

Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

3, The Avenue,
Warminster.

Laverton Institute,
Westbury.

Telephone: Warminster 3435

Telephone: Westbury 2122.

Hours: Monday 2.30 - 4 p.m.;
Wednesday 10 - 11.30 a.m.;
Friday 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Hours: Tuesday 9.30 - 11 a.m.;
Thursday 9.30 - 11 a.m.;
Friday 3-4 p.m.

30, Mortimer Street,
Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 3641

Hours: Thursday 12 noon - 12.30 p.m.

Ministry of Social Security.

Area Office:

School Lane,
Bellvue Road,
Salisbury

Homefield House,
Polebarn Road,
Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 2348

Telephone: Salisbury 3247.

In the event of an emergency outside office hours in which the services of an Officer of the Board are required, please telephone:-

Mr P.Nelmes.
4, Lowmead,
Trowbridge

Mr B.E.W.Fear,
17, Avondale Road,
Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 4206.

Telephone: Trowbridge 5457.

Ministry of Social Security (Continued)

If you are unable to contact either Mr Nelmes or Mr Fear, contact should be made with whoever of the following officers is nearest to the locality of the emergency:-

Mr W.H.Butt,
42, Tismead Crescent,
Swindon.

Telephone: Swindon 4602

Mr R.L.Bennetts,
1, Dainsway,
Salisbury.

Telephone, Salisbury 4356.

Mental Health Officers.

Mr F.Garnett.

Deputies:

Mr T.R.Williams.

Mr G.R.Draper.

Area Welfare Office also at
Trowbridge Health Clinic,
The Halve,
TROWBRIDGE.

Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance.

Weymouth Street,
Warminster.

Telephone: Warminster 2351.

Hours: 9 - 5 p.m.

Mr F.B.Freeman,
"Fairlawn",
Bath Road, Swindon.

Telephone: 5293

Mr L. McCarthy,
Church Lane, North Bradley,
Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 4176.

During Office Hours.

Trowbridge Health Clinic,
The Halve, Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 4084.

Trowbridge Health Clinic,
The Halve, Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 4084.

Outside Office Hours.

Telephone Trowbridge Ambulance Station
to contact the officer on duty.

Telephone: Trowbridge 3981/2.

North Parade,
Frome.

Telephone: Frome 2373.

Homefield House,
Polebarn Road,
Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 2348.

SECTION C.

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The nearest centre which keeps emergency supplies of sera for the treatment of anthrax or botulism is:-

Ham Green Hospital, Bristol.

Telephone: Pill 2165.

This hospital also has supplies of human antitetanus immunoglobulin for prophylaxis of tetanus if test doses of tetanus antitoxin of equine origin establish that a patient is severely hypersensitive to horse serum.

Supplies of ovine antitetanus serum are available for the prophylaxis and treatment of tetanus if test doses of tetanus antitoxin of equine origin establish that a patient is severely hypersensitive to horse serum.

Special arrangements for the treatment of anthrax have been provided by the South Western Regional Hospital Board at Claverton Down Hospital, Bath. This hospital also holds anti-anthrax serum for prophylactic use and for the treatment of patients sensitive to penicillin.

The Wiltshire County Council made arrangements during the year for persons at risk from anthrax to be immunized against this disease.

Poisons Information Service.

A National Poisons Information Service has been established at Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.1. (HOP 7600) to provide information to medical practitioners so as to facilitate treatment in cases of acute poisoning. This 24 hour service is not available to members of the public.

Infectious Diseases notified during 1968.

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Measles	-	-	9	28	9	1	1	5	3	-	1	-	57
Lobar Pneumonia	5	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>			
Measles	22	-	307	2	13	184	37	3	146	57			
Whooping Cough	19	1	12	13	1	1	-	-	-	2			
Lobar Pneumonia	3	2	-	2	-	4	1	-	4	10			
Scarlet Fever	-	9	2	1	-	8	4	1	-	-			
Erysipelas	-	2	1	2	-	1	-	1	2	1			
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2			
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-			

Section 47, National Assistance Act, 1948.

This Section had to be used to secure the removal of an old couple to Hospital where they are now voluntarily lodged and receiving proper care and attention.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses within the urban district.

Tuberculosis

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Cases on Register 31.12.67.	14	7	15	13
New Cases notified during 1968	-	-	-	-
Transfer in	-	1	-	-
Deaths	-	-	-	-
Recovered and removed from Register	1	2	-	-
Transferred out of district	-	-	-	-
Cases on Register 31.12.68.	13	6	15	13

Notifications and Deaths during the year:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pulmonary Tuberculosis</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Notifications.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Notifications.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Notifications.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
1959	1	0	2	0	3	0
1960	1	0	0	0	1	0
1961	1	0	0	0	1	0
1962	1	0	0	0	1	0
1963	0	0	0	0	0	0
1964	0	1	1	0	1	1
1965	3	0	1	0	4	0
1966	0	0	0	0	0	0
1967	0	0	1	1	1	1
1968	0	0	0	0	0	0

Number of Cases on Register at end of each year:-

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1959	27	31	58
1960	28	31	59
1961	28	28	56
1962	25	26	51
1963	23	26	49
1964	22	27	49
1965	24	28	52
1966	22	28	50
1967	21	28	49
1968	19	28	47

Mass Radiography Service.

A unit of this service visits Warminster and Trowbridge on alternate Tuesdays and is stationed at:

The Central Car Park, Warminster from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

The Market Car Park, Trowbridge from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

IMMUNIZATION AND SMALLPOX VACCINATION STATISTICS, 1968.

(The figures are supplied by courtesy of Dr C.D.L.Lycett, C.M.O.H., Wiltshire)

Year of Birth		1963	1967	1966	1965	1964	1959-63	1953-58	Others Under 16
Primary imms. completed during 1968.	Diph.	69	47	-	-	1	1	-	-
	Wh/c	68	46	-	-	1	-	-	-
	Tet.	69	47	-	-	1	1	-	3
	Measles	-	3	9	7	11	59	46	-
Reinf.injects. administered during 1968	Diph	-	38	44	7	9	75	1	-
	Wh/c	-	34	35	4	4	20	-	-
	Tet.	-	38	44	7	9	77	1	3

	<u>Months</u>				<u>Years</u>		
Age Group	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1	2-4	5-15
Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	75	3	4
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	1	2

POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNIZATION STATISTICS, 1968.

AGE GROUP	2nd inj.	3rd inj.	4th inj.	3 oral doses	2 orals after 2 inj.	4th oral after 3 inj.or 3 oral.
1968	-	-	-	66	-	-
1967	-	-	-	44	-	37
1966	-	-	-	-	-	44
1965	-	-	-	1	-	4
1964	-	-	-	1	-	-
1959 - 1963	-	-	-	19	-	59
1953 - 1958	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others under 16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others over 16	-	-	-	1	-	4
TOTALS	-	-	-	132	-	148

No. of P/R's and distributors licensed in district selling raw milk.	No. of Distributors licensed in district obtaining milk from pasteurising plants within Wilts.	No. of Distributors licensed in district obtaining milk from pasteurising plants without Wilts.	No. of Inspections made	No. of raw milk samples for statutory test.		No. of raw milk samples for biological test		No. of heat treated samples for statutory test		No. of bottle rinses (sets) for bacteriological test	
				Pass	Fail	T.B. Pos. Neg.	B.A. Pos. Neg.	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
2	2	4	19	4	-	- 4	- 4	18	-	-	-

SECTION D.

Water Supplies

Water to the Urban District is supplied by the West Wilts Water Board from the source at Wellhead which is connected to the main Board supplies at Upton Scudamore.

All occupied dwelling houses in the Urban District receive a supply from the Water Board's mains, save for an isolated farm with a private water supply which has been regularly sampled and shown to be free from pollution.

Supplies have been sufficient in quantity and generally satisfactory in quality save in the most important respect - the fluoride content. In the water supplied to Westbury the content is .14 p.p.m. It is now well known that the fluoridation of water supplies at the level of 1.0 p.p.m. is a highly effective way of reducing dental decay and is completely safe. This most important public health measure should be put into operation with the least possible delay.

The Chief Public Health Inspector has provided the following report:--

Housing.

During the year 45 private dwellings were completed and 56 Council dwellings.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The arrangement made with the Warminster and Westbury Rural District Council for the sharing of facilities at their refuse tip in Penleigh continues to work satisfactorily.

Slum Clearance.

During the year, two clearance areas, involving nine properties, one Demolition Order, involving three properties and four Closing Orders, involving four properties were confirmed by the Council.

Sewage Disposal Works.

Work on the construction of an additional filter, humus tank and five sludge drying beds, for the purpose of dealing with trade effluent, was completed during the year.

Difficulty has been experienced in conveying sludge from the sludge thickening tanks to the sludge drying beds and on the advice of the Council's Consulting Engineers a portable submersible pump with hose attachments was purchased for the purpose.

Food and Drugs.

102 lbs. of Meat and Food Products were surrendered after being found unfit for human consumption.

Swimming Baths.

The Swimming Baths, open for the Summer Season only, catered for approximately 25,820 Swimmers, including Visitors.

Sanitary Inspections of the District.

Public Health Act	...	36
Housing Act	...	32
Complaints	...	1,220
Drain Tests	...	123
Factories and Workshops	...	3
Pests Act (including Rodent Operator's initial visits)	..	103
Petroleum Act	...	17
Bakehouses	...	1
Fried Fish Shops	...	5
Food Shops	...	35
Dairies	...	4
Informal Notices served	...	6
Statutory Notices served	...	Nil

Number of Premises

Butchers	6	}	Regs. 16 & 19 Comply.
Grocery & Provisions	11		
Cafes and Snack Bars	6		
Fruiterers & Greengrocers	3		
Bakeries	2		
Confectionery Shops	3		
Hotels & Public Houses.	11		

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises 1.	Number on Register 2.	Number of		
		Inspections 3.	Written notices 4.	Occupiers Prosecuted. 5.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	33	33	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	33	33	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	REFERRED		
			to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
Other offences against the Act.					
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

	No. of outworkers in August list required by <u>Section 110(1)(c)</u>
Wearing apparel (Making etc.)	65
Umbrellas, etc.,	4
Textile Weaving	Nil
TOTAL	69

